

The Journey of Dedicated Vessels (2 Samuel 8:10-11)

Proposition: I want us to take a journey with these dedicated vessels and see how their journey often matched our journey.

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I'm sure that every family in here today
possessed some family heirloom that
has been passed down from generation to
generation. Whether it's great grandpa's watch
or Grandma's serving dish, all of them have a story.
Have you ever looked at them and wished they could
talk? My what stories they could tell. The text
before us is the beginning story of some special
vessels that David dedicated to the Lord, and if
you take them through the Bible the do
tell a story a story that according to
New Testament truth applies to us. I want
you to take a Journey with these

Dedicated Vessels, and see how their Journey ^{to us} applies
I. Sanctified Vessels (2Sam 8:10-11) - In pre-
vious chapter David expressed desire to build house
of God, God: No. But would let him gather up the material

A. Separated unto Holiness - These vessels
of gold, silver, & brass that were given to
David, were then dedicated to the Lord, the
word dedicated = Sanctified or Holy. They were
set apart solely for the use of God's Service.
When we were at Temple, Kid borrowed my guitar, I
told him it was a sanctified guitar, no Sweet Home
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B. Separated unto Honor - These beautiful
vessels were separated not only for sacred
use in the service of God but they too bring

honor to God. These were honorable vessels, they were precious and special vessels, that brought glory to God. David took one look at these beautiful vessels and said, "I can't use these. The same individual is to have"

II Sanctured Vessels (1 Kings 7:51) - Here we find that all the work of the Temple had been completed, then King Solomon says "Go get the vessels..."

A. Given a Location - They were given a spot a location in the House of God. Someone said, "This is where that vessel goes, and this is where..." Every vessel had a place to occupy, just as every believer has a place in the house of God. **One Preacher religion is not in the Bible, Acts 2:47.** ³ We are such ⁴ creatures of habit, we have certain spots we sit in so we can

B. Given a Labor - These vessels just weren't placed in a treasure chest, or a trophy display case to collect dust, not that they were given a labor, a job to do, they were utilized, implemented in the worship of God. Some poured out the drink offering, some caught the blood of sacrifice, some held water for cleansing, but all had a job. ⁵ One Preacher

III. Stolen Vessels (2 Chron 36:6-7)

When we get to this point in the vessels story, the people of God have gone into idolatry, forsaken the law

A. Forcefully Enslaved - A Foreign power forces its way into the temple and removes

- 1) ...can be compared to the individual that places their trust in the Lord Jesus. They become God's property and are no longer to be employed in the service of the world the flesh and the devil, but are to yield then selves wholly and completely to the service of God. **Romans 6:13** *Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*
- 2) ...is to honor God with their lives. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* Titus 2:10 says that we are to adorn the doctrine of God! Once dedicated by David, these vessels did not belong to David, Toi, or even Israel, they were God's alone.
- 3) Acts 2:47 ...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.
- 4) ...we can easily tell when someone is missing, when someone is not in their place. **Hebrews 10:25** *Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- 5) ...One preacher was telling of how he visited a large cotton plantation and how they had those big combines taking up all that cotton. But the big combines couldn't get in to the corners, so the farmer sent workers with sacks into the corners to collect the cotton. There's a corner of service for all the vessels of God!
- 6) ...forsaken the Law of God, neglected the worship of God and now God's proclaimed judgment has befallen His own people. Horrifying moment in the history of Israel. Lamentations describes the city in ruin, the men murdered, the women raped and children slain in the street...

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1) ...grow cold to the things of God and enslaved by the
worlds system. "I just don't have time to go to church any
more. Things just aren't like they used to be."

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instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves

unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your

members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

2) ...is to honor God with their lives. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy

Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not

2) ...and yet tell themselves that they are doing OK. They

watch a little of the TV preacher, listen to a little gospel
music and think that that where they should be. They are
in the wrong place.

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3) ...out drink offerings or caught the blood of sacrifices or

held the water for cleansing, are now carrying the wine of

drunkards. Oh how sad to see where sin will take a

dedicated vessel. What depths they can be taken to.

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these vessels from the house of God. And then relocated to a foreign land. The application is simple: Nebuchadnezzar = World system that can come in and pull us from the Lord's location + His

labor and enslave us, drive us up into that far country to where we grow cold to the things of God.

B. Falsely Employed - Nebuchadnezzar put the vessels in his temple. These dedicated vessels, set aside solely for the use of Jehovah God are now being used to serve a false god in a pagan temple. The function of the vessels might have been similar to that of Temple, but completely off of what their dedicated purpose was. It never ceases to amaze me how that people can be out of place and yet

IV. Sailed Vessels (Daniel 5:1-4)

It gets even worse now. Belshazzar is having an ungodly party when he calls for these vessels to be brought

A. Vessels were Defiled - These vessels were brought out and forced to do things that they were never intended to do. They were now being used as just ordinary drinking cups. No longer the special separated vessels, now just being used like any old cup. And also filled with wine into a catering wine. Let me pull over... The vessels that once may have poured out drink offerings

B. Vessels were Derided - Derided = mocked. They were made a laughing stock. Sin is deceptive and it will turn your life into a mockery. These vessels were once used to

serve the living God by the priests of God and now they are used by fornicators and drunkards to serve gods that can't see hear or touch. Oh how quickly can the life of a child of God become a ^{mockery}

V. **Salvaged Vessels (Ezra 6:5)** - Thank God that's not the end of the story. After 70 years of captivity God began to gather his people ^{House of God re-}

A. **Returned from Slavery** - They had been released from their slavery and made their way back to their rightful place. My heart has recently been taken by Romans 6.

We as believers in the Lord Jesus do not have to be hard

B. **Refreshed from Scaring** - They said they put them back into the Temple. I may be lubricating the script by reading between the lines but that was a long journey think of all they had been through, surely they have some nicks & scars

C. **Restored to their Setting** - They were put back in their place of prominence. Placed back into the house of God. Just like they used to be. Hey! God's in the restoring business. You haven't gone so far that you can't be restored...

D. **Reinstalled in Service** - And again these vessels were not show pieces behind a glass they were to be used in the service of God. I know that they at one time were used in the service of Pagan Gods + used as party cups at ^{banquets} pagan

VI. **Closing** - What a story these vessels tell service, separation, failure mockery restoration ^{is this part of your story}

- 1) ...House of God rebuilt, then the walls. God sent a revival through Ezra who was teaching God's Law, the people began to fast and to hunger after God, they began to pray and seek after their God! And right in the middle of these reviving people are the vessels of the Lord!
- 2) ...do not have to be bound by the slavery of this world.
Romans 6:6 *Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.* **Romans 6:12** *Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.* **Romans 6:14** *For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.* **Romans 6:22** *But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*
- 3) ...nicks and scars, surely their had to be some cleaning and cleansing and polishing of these vessels. I'm sure some loving priest took those vessels and lovingly polished away the nicks and scratches, cleaned out the remnant of vileness left inside the vessels. Some dents can't be buffed out, some scars were there to stay, yet they were cleaned, and made presentable once again. Apply! **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
- 4) That you can't be restored. Paul told the church at Galatia: **Galatians 6:1** *Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.* Get out of the condemning business and get in the restoring business! **Joel 2:25** *And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten...*
- 5) ...at a wicked pagan ceremony, but that didn't stop them from placing them back into service. I didn't hear any objections from God! Some one might say that because you got away from God and even became a laughing stock in your testimony for the Lord, that you can never be used by God again. That not what is seen here! God took a Jesus denying backsliding Apostle Peter on penteco